

# Year 7 Knowledge Organiser: Are laws the only rules people should live by?

## Key Words



**Religion:** the belief in and worship of a superhuman power, especially of Gods.

**Worship:** showing act of devotion or love to God.

**Faith:** A strong belief in the teachings / statements of a religion and that these are correct or true.

### The main faiths in the UK:

- ◇ Christianity    ◇ Sikhism
- ◇ Islam           ◇ Judaism
- ◇ Hinduism      ◇ Buddhism

**Fact** is something that is known and accepted to be true.

**Belief** is an opinion that something is true, often without evidence.

**Atheist** is someone who does not believe in God.

**Agnostic** is someone who is not committed to the existence of God.

**Theist** is someone who does believe in God.

**Monotheistic-** you only believe in one God.

## What are laws?

In the UK, we have a democracy. Democracy means that people can vote for who leads their country. People vote for a political party (a group of people with similar views). Each political party puts their ideas into a manifesto.

When the Prime Minister is elected, they choose their Cabinet (a group of 20 ministers who help to lead the country).



**Laws:** rules, usually made by a government, that tells people how to behave in a society. They usually come with a punishment E.G. do not kill. do not steal, you cannot vote until you are 18.

## Why are laws important?



- They keep us safe e.g. do not kill.
- Protect our rights e.g. Equality Act 2010.
- Laws promote justice.
- Without laws there would be chaos.



## The Ten Commandments



**Followers:** Jews

**Place of worship:** Synagogue

**Holy book:** Torah

**Important figure:** God

### Key Beliefs

- ◇ Jews believe they have a special relationship (covenant) with God.
- ◇ When Moses led the Jews out of slavery in Egypt, God spoke to Moses through fire and gave him these ten rules on two stone tablets.

### Why are the Ten Commandments important to Jews and Christians?

- ◇ They help Jews (and Christians) to live a good life).
- ◇ They are the word of God.

1. You shall have no gods before me.
2. You shall not make any idols to worship (don't worship false gods).
3. You shall not take the Lord's name in vain (use God's name respectfully).
4. Remember and keep the Sabbath holy.
5. Honour your father and mother.
6. You shall not kill.
7. You shall not commit adultery (cheat on your husband or wife).
8. You shall not steal.
9. You shall not bear false witness (lie).
10. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife nor goods (don't be jealous).

## Christianity - Nature of God and the Holy Trinity

**Followers:** Christians

**Place of worship:** Church

**Holy book:** Bible

**Important figure:** God

Christians believe that the one God has three persons. This is called the Holy Trinity:

**The Father:** God created heaven and earth. Seeing God as the Creator is important to Christians. They believe the world must be good if it was created by a good God. God is omnipotent (all-powerful), omniscient (all-knowing), omnibenevolent (all-loving) and just.

**The Son:** Christians believe that Jesus is God in human form (God incarnate). The Son provides a model for Christian behaviour and teaches Christians how to act. God the Son also understands human suffering, because Jesus suffered.

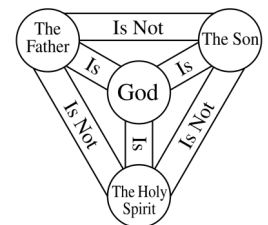
**The Holy Spirit-** the presence of God in the world, guiding and sustaining the earth.

### Why is the Holy Trinity important?

It helps Christians to understand what God is like.

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## Christianity - Nature of God and the Holy Trinity



## Islam and The Five Pillars



**Followers:** Muslims

**Place of worship:** Mosque

**Holy book:** Qur'an

**Important figure:** Allah (God)

### Key Beliefs

- ◇ Islam was revealed over 1,400 years ago to the Prophet Muhammed (pbuh).
- ◇ Allah gave the Prophet Muhammed special messages, which were eventually written down to form the Qur'an.

### The Five Pillars

In Islam, the Five Pillars help to keep the Islamic community together. Each pillar is extremely important for Muslims:

**Shahadah** - The declaration of faith.

**Salah** - Pray 5 times a day.

**Zakat** - Give 2.5% of earnings to charity.

**Sawm** - Fasting during Ramadan. If you are pregnant, under 12 or too old, you don't need to fast.

**Hajj** - Pilgrimage to Mecca.



### Why are the Five Pillars important to Muslims?

Like actual pillars, they uphold the Muslim community.

## Buddhism and The Eightfold Path



**Followers:** Buddhists

**Place of worship:** Temple

**Holy book:** Tripitaka (aka Pali Canon)

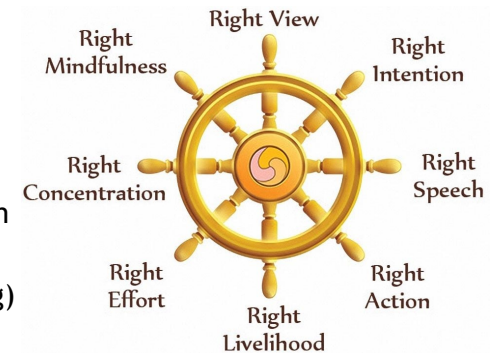
**Important figure:** the Buddha

### Key beliefs

- ◇ The Buddha was a man called Siddhartha Gautama, not a God, who lived 2500 years ago in India.
- ◇ The ultimate aim of Buddhism is to achieve enlightenment (the realisation of the truth about life).
- ◇ They believe your soul is reincarnated (reborn) as different beings thousands of times before you achieve Nibbana (freedom from the cycle of rebirth).
- ◇ Buddhists believe that life is characterised by dukkha (suffering) and that if you overcome suffering, you can achieve enlightenment and achieve Nibbana.

### Why is the Eightfold Path important to Buddhists?

Buddhists believe that one way to help you overcome suffering is to follow the Noble Eightfold Path:



## Sikhism and The Five K's



**Religion:** Sikhism

**Followers:** Sikhs

**Place of worship:** Gurdwara

**Holy book:** Guru Granth Sahib

**Important figure:** Waheguru (God)

### Key Beliefs

In Sikhism, there were ten Gurus (teachers).

### The Five K's

Those who follow Sikhism wear the 5 K's and are called **Khalsa Sikhs**.

The word Khalsa means pure:

**Kesh** - uncut hair which reflects detachment or freedom from worldly fashions. It is a gift from God so some Sikhs do not cut their hair.

**Kara** - a silver bracelet which reflects the infinity of God and that he has no beginning or end.

**Kachera** - breeches or long shorts that show the importance of social order (e.g. not exposing yourself).

**Kanga** - a wooden comb which reflects cleanliness.

**Kirpan** - a sword of mercy which represents the Khalsa Sikh defending the innocent and fighting for justice.

### Why are the Five K's important to Sikhs?

They show that the Sikh who wears them has dedicated their life to their faith and their God.



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